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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER RULE 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

A shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed April 21, 2004, was due July 21, 2004. Submitted herewith is a request for an extension of time of three (3) months in which to reply. Accordingly, the extended due date for reply is October 21, 2004.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and request reconsideration of the rejection based on the following amendment and remarks.